

News Release

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VET CENTER OPENS TODAY IN MODESTO

In the presence of veterans and their friends, the Modesto Vet Center, the first new veterans center in California in twelve years, officially opened its doors and ushered in an era where local veterans no longer will have to trek to the East Bay to receive the services they need.

"As a veteran myself, I can attest to the importance of having a vet center near to where you live," said Tom Johnson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "Being able to access much needed assistance to secure veterans benefits without having to travel a long distance helps to simplify an already difficult process. I am so glad that local veterans, especially the men and women who have recently returned from the Middle East, will have access to this vet center without having to deal with Bay Area traffic."

Counselors at the Modesto Vet Center will provide assistance to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and other veterans to incorporate themselves back into civilian life. The Modesto Vet Center is conveniently located a few blocks south of Highway 99, at 1219 N. Carpenter, Suite 12, Modesto, CA 95351.

Vet Centers provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available to their family members for military related issues. Veterans have earned these benefits through their service and all are provided at no cost to the veteran or family.

<http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

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